

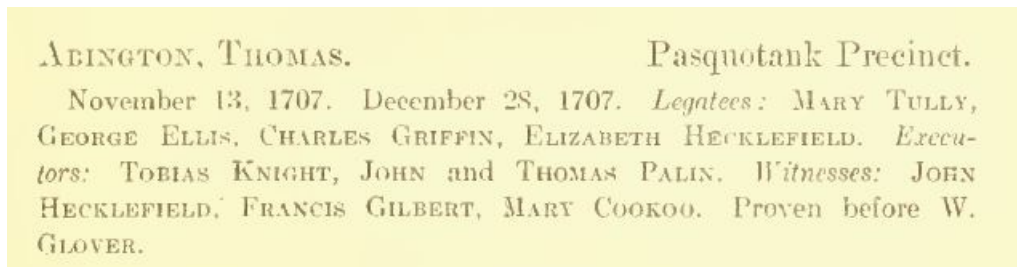
Abington, Thomas ^[1]

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d. November or December 1707



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^[3]Thomas Abington, attorney and colonial official of North Carolina, took oath as attorney general 25 Feb. 1695/96. He was replaced in that office 3 Oct. 1696, apparently because of poor health. He subsequently served as [clerk](#) ^[4] of Pasquotank Precinct court (October 1699, or earlier, until his death), clerk of the general court (1706–7), clerk of the council and court of chancery (ca. 1706–7), and clerk of the lower house of the assembly (November 1707).

Abington lived in Pasquotank Precinct, where he held at least 445 acres of land at his death. It is not known whether he married.

Abington died between 13 Nov. 1707, when he made his will, and 28 Dec. 1707, when the will was proved. He apparently became ill during or soon after the assembly session and died at the house of [John Hecklefield](#) ^[2] on Little River, where the session had been held. The legatees named in his will included Mary Tully, a goddaughter; Mrs. Elizabeth Hecklefield, who was bequeathed a sum for her "care and trouble" during his illness; [Tobias Knight](#), ^[5] secretary of the colony, who was one of the executors; and several others who apparently were friends. No legatees were identified as relatives.

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